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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **September 19, 2005 / 4 PM**
Date/Time of Occurrence: **September 17, 2005 / 7:40 PM**
Nature of Call: **Hit & Run Leads to Shooting**
Location of Call: **Secret Town Lane, Colfax**
Case Number: **SO-05-13755**
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A series of events unfolded in Colfax Saturday night leading to the stabbing of a woman and the shooting of a man. One suspect is in custody and the investigation is continuing.

At 7:52 PM on Saturday night, Placer County Sheriff's Dispatch received a call of a shooting on the 400 block of Secret Town Lane in Colfax. Deputies responded and located Christopher Stevenson, 20, of Rancho Cordova. He had sustained a minor gunshot wound to his leg. The investigation to this point has revealed the following:

The suspect, Paul Johnson, 52, of Colfax, drove his ex-girlfriend, Shelley Minniear, 31, of Colfax, to Minniear's friend's apartment on Colfax Street. Minniear's current boyfriend, Christopher Corin, 44, of Colfax, was waiting for her. Corin confronted Johnson and an argument ensued. Corin apparently tried to stab Johnson with a knife and Johnson took off in his truck, possibly striking Corin. In the process of trying to get away, Johnson struck a parked truck. Stevenson and his friend, Heath Snyder, 21 of Auburn, witnessed the argument between Corin and Johnson. They saw Corin fall to the ground as Johnson sped away and they believed Johnson had hit Corin with the truck. Using Stevenson's truck, they chased after Johnson and witnessed Johnson strike an occupied car at South Auburn Street and Central Avenue in Colfax and continue onto Eastbound I-80. They followed Johnson to the residence on Secret Town Lane where Johnson ran into the garage. Stevenson exited his truck and began pounding on the garage door. He heard multiple gunshots and was struck in the leg.

Meanwhile, back on Colfax Street, Minniear and Corin became involved in an argument and Corin allegedly stabbed Minniear in the hand. Corin and Minniear returned to their apartment on the 600 block of Pinetop Circle in Colfax. While there, Minniear and Corin's 17 year-old son became involved in a physical fight. During the fight, Minniear apparently bit Corin's son on the chest. Minniear suffered several bruises and contusions. Minniear fled back to her friend's apartment on Colfax Street.

Stevenson, Corin and his son were treated at Sutter-Auburn Faith Hospital and released. Johnson was booked at the Placer County Jail on charges of Assault With a Deadly Weapon and Hit and Run. His bail is \$75,000.